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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION : Mr. John Warner

SUBJECT : House Space Committee Invitation to  
Alleged Soviet Spy

1. Of possible interest to you may be the attached excerpt from the 12 January 1967 Space Daily, reporting a House of Representatives Space Committee invitation to participate in the Committee's annual Panel on Science and Technology, scheduled for 24 January 1967, to, among other foreign scientists, Dr. Dzerman Gvishiani, Deputy Chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology of the U.S.S.R.

2. The item further reports naming of Gvishiani by Oleg Penkovskiy as assumed by him to be connected with the KGB, since Gvishiani's father was a general in the KGB and a distant relative of Stalin. Penkovskiy, executed by the Soviets in 1963, is identified as a CIA source, and his book, The Penkovskiy Papers, termed CIA sponsored.

3. The quotation in the last paragraph of the article is taken out of context. Referring to Gvishiani, the author's chief in Moscow, on page 176 of the book, the complete paragraph in which the quoted statement is found reads:

"The Chief of our Foreign Directorate, Dzerman Mikhaylovych Gvishiani, seemingly does not belong to any intelligence source. However, if one recalls the fact that Gvishiani's father was a distant relative of Stalin's and a KGB general, one can assume that our Gvishiani is also connected with the KGB. Unfortunately, I cannot be positive about it. Many of our KGB neighbors brag about their status, but Gvishiani is more careful about this."

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4. Information in Office of Security files from the public press indicate that Gvishiani was in New York City in early November 1964 to attend a session of the U. N. Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, noting that he had also been in New York the previous winter as well as in 1962.



Chief, Special Security Center

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